(c) The work should have been completed by January 1929.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Sub-division (c), the question has not been answered.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The work is sanctioned in the 1103 budget.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—What action has been taken by the Government against the contractor who did not execute the work?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Refer to answer to sub-division (a).

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—The original contract was cancelled. That is all what is given. Has any other action been taken by the Government since this?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The work was given on contract to another.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—No action was taken against the previous contractor?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—In such cases the loss which the Government will sustain on account of the transfer of the work will have to be recovered from the original contractor. That is only after the work is finished.

President.—And the amount has been recovered.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Yes. The contractor was fined on account of the slow progress in the work. But that was not all. If the Government loses any money on account of the transfer of the contract, that money will have to be recovered from the original contractor.

President.—Not exactly transfer. The work was given to somebody else. If the Government sustains a loss, the original contractor will be held liable.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Yes.

Pulaya Colony at Palanji.

533. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) what steps have been taken by Government in 1104 for opening a Pulaya Colony at Palanji;

(b) whether the site for the Colony has been selected?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—(a) The suggested opening of the Colony at Palanji had to be given up for want of suitable *poramboke* land in the village. Government intend to establish one instead in the neighbouring village of Mangad.

(b) No answer necessary in view of the above.

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